Subject: Japanese oban -- valuation inquiry.

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BOSTON, MASS., Jan 8 1914

B+ Woods Post
Am. Numismatic Soc.
156 St west of Broadway.
New York

Dear Sir

Often times wondering this many the above address is serving me. I called on my friend Enest Richter of the Brit dept. museum of fine arts. - wrote a coin. thinking perhaps he could get at its value for me - He took me to the Japanese Dept. and introduced me & Romaka person. they in turn sending me to you at 58 Pearl St. - Calling them they told me you had not been with them for a year but were in New York - at the above -

The information I want is this. Is there a numismatic value and a market for a certain rare ovoluneen form Jap. Coin - in practically perfect condition. - a very large - "Kobak." I think the name as the museum said it was.

Now obsolete. - has been for many years. This Coin came into our family direct from a Teacher in Corea - about thirty years ago. and has hereby

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been seen or handled since BOSTON, MASS., ... 191
- posting about it is injured or dim. 4 each of comes
die Uncle Sam in Lucia. Chronicle on the face - which
has worn off in the right hands.

Do you like this enough about ½ oz a piece -
but think it is worth many times that numismatically
- At the museum that gentlemen saw it & said
it was a rare specimen... not often met with
anywhere - and very seldom in such fine condition.

I will appreciate it if you will let me
know what value it has - and what I might
expect to be able to sell it for. If convenient
to you -

Very Truly
W. G. Myers

January 10, 1914

Mr. Willis G. Myers
913 Exchange Bldg.
53 State St.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor relative to the Japanese Oban, at hand. These pieces are somewhat scarce, but by no means rare. They average in price, both in this country, and Japan, about 10 percent over their gold value. That is provided the lacquer characters, are not entirely effaced. Naturally they get somewhat rubbed on the raised parts.

If you have any desire to sell this piece, I think I can find a purchaser here, who would give 10 percent over gold value. He would have to see the piece before he would purchase it, and the piece could be sent here to the Society.

I remain,

Very truly yours,

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Mr Woods
Am. Numismatic Society
156th St. West of Broadway
New York
Dear Sir.

I think the note must have been sent to me by mistake - as it does not in any way answer my inquiries or refer to the coin about which I wanted information.

Thanking you for a letter to me but unnecessary - and the enclosure also. I return to you. ... I would be glad to hear from you with reference to my coin if you have any information.

Yours truly
W G Myers

January 22, 1914.

Mr. Willis g. Myers
913 Exchange Bldg.
53 State Street,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

Through a mix up, the wrong letter was sent to you, and I am herewith sending you the right one.

Thank you very much fro calling my attention to it.

Very truly yours,

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BOSTON, MASS., March 6, 1914

Mr. Howland Wood,

American Numismatic Society,

Broadway, at 156th Street,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Absence from home has caused me to allow your communication of January 22nd (and January 10th) to go unanswered, and I wish to make excuses for my apparent neglect of your courtesy and suggestion about the coin. I have somewhat expected to be in New York the past week or two also, and thought I would take the opportunity then to show you the coin, hoping its condition and value might make a stronger appeal to you or some collector of whom you may have knowledge. If I do not get to New York in the near future, I will probably accept your suggestion and send the coin for your closer examination and valuation.

My personal knowledge of its value is limited to the information given me when it came into my possession from Korea, 30 years ago, and the estimated gold value from the United States Mint of "64. plus", but several people who have seen it have told me its value to some individual collector or museum would probably range into the three figure class. I do not think we will care to sell it at a mere 10% advance over its gold value,

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but will leave the decision till you have had the coin in hand and can pass upon it.

Thanking you for your service and attention in the matter, and hoping to see you about it very soon.

Sincerely,

Willis G. Myers